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years of public ownership a prosperous business was well along the road to ruin."

Subsequently the telephone system has been directed by a single commissioner acting under an advisory board. But Professor Mavor indicates that, in spite of rate advances, financial operations have resulted in real deficits in 1913 and 1914, and that these deficits have again been hidden through inadequate accounting methods. Even the opposition government which came into office early in 1915 (after a second Royal Commission had revealed "incompetence and inefficiency," and had discovered evidence which led to the prosecution of cabinet ministers for fraud) has continued the political tradition. Professor Mavor's third chapter, *The Government System Reorganized*, then closes with a note of hopelessness: "The people of the Province still have no prospect of ultimate relief from the abuses accompanying political control."

Finally comes the chapter of conclusions which is a summary of the abuses developed, and a restatement of the thesis quoted at the head of this review. Has Professor Mavor proved his case? However dark the story, does the experience of eight years in a Canadian province (in a period of depression and barely out of the pioneer stage) warrant generalizations of wide application? Professor Mavor takes his alternative for granted. One cannot but wish that he had outlined something of a constructive program. Beyond indicating faith in regulation and private ownership, and condemning public ownership, in general terms, he does not point a way out. And the Manitoba which he pictures needs help.

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*Truster og karteller, en bok om privatmonopoler.* (Kristiania: J. W. Cappelen. 1916. Pp. 216.)

### Labor and Labor Organizations

*Truancy and Non-Attendance in the Chicago Schools: A Study of the Social Aspects of the Compulsory Education and Child Labor Legislation of Illinois.* By EDITH ABBOTT and SOPHONISBA P. BRECKINRIDGE. (Chicago: University of Chicago Press. 1917. Pp. xiii, 472. \$2.)

Clear recognition of the essential features of legislation and methods of administration capable of protecting children in fact as well as in theory is the keynote of this valuable study of the two supplemental problems of school attendance and child labor. Here are presented a history of the school attendance and child labor laws of Illinois, a critical description of present conditions in Chicago, and a series of concrete recommendations for improvement both in laws and in methods of administration.

Though emphasis is laid upon methods of putting and keeping children in school, most of the material could just as well have been used under such a title as "Child labor laws and their administration in Chicago." On the one hand, as the purpose of child labor legislation is not merely to keep children out of industry but to keep them in school, the two problems are merely two approaches to the same goal. On the other hand, as all careful administrators of child labor laws have been or are being driven to the conclusion that factory inspection is not alone adequate to